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Faculty Member Receives Fulbright Award

South Seattle Community College instructor to spend year in Taiwan.

(Seattle, WA) Dr. Yilin Sun, full-time tenured faculty in Basic & Transitional Studies at South Seattle Community College, has been selected by the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board as a Fulbright Senior Scholar for the 2011/12 Academic Year. Recipients of Fulbright awards are selected on the basis of academic or professional achievement, as well as demonstrated leadership in their fields.

Dr. Sun will spend the year in Taiwan, where her primary responsibility will be to coordinate and provide weekly training workshops to young Fulbright English Teaching Assistants (ETAs). In addition, she will conduct seminars for graduate students and engage in curriculum and assessment initiatives at the National Taiwan Normal University in Taipei.

“I hope to be an effective cultural ambassador, and provide the ETAs with tools to help them better understand Asian students,” she said. “I’m also looking forward to working with local educators and sharing teaching methods and materials as we learn from each other in fostering academic exchanges and cross-cultural communication in the global community.”

Dr. Sun has been an instructor in the Seattle Community Colleges since 1994, and is a recognized leader in curriculum development for adult English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) programs and teacher training. She is the recipient of a Dan Evans Chair for Exceptional Faculty award and a National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) Excellence in teaching award. A long-time member of International TESOL, Inc., she recently completed a three-year term on the Board of Directors of the global association for English language teaching professionals.

The Fulbright Program, America’s flagship international educational exchange program, is sponsored by the United States Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Since its inception more than 60 years ago, approximately 300,000 students, scholars and

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teachers have participated in exchange programs that seek to promote mutual understanding and respect between the people of the United States and the people of other countries.

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